

FARMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY AND PROCEDURE



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Subject:
Unsafe Drivers

Approved by:

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PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines to be followed when an officer encounters persons that are mentally or physically unable to operate a motor vehicle safely.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Farmington Police Department to request the evaluation of drivers that appear to be unable to operate a vehicle safely.

PROCEDURE:

Officers who come in contact with drivers whom they believe should be re-examined by the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) should generate a letter to MVD stating the reason(s) for a re-examination. The reasons for the request should be for people suspected of incompetency, physical or mental disability, disease, or any other conditions that might prevent the person from exercising reasonable and ordinary care when operating a motor vehicle. Any supporting citations or accident reports should accompany the letter to assist MVD in their decision to re-examine the driver.

New Mexico State Statutes 66-5-5 and 66-5-6 address the requirements for the re-examination of drivers.